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Christine Joyce

From: Christine Joyce
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2009 11:45 AM
To: Jim Yarin; Board of Selectmen
Cc: Transportation Advisory Committee
Subject: RE: BOS Meeting Appearance by TAC -- TIME SENSITIVE

Jim, the meeting on the 27th is a Policy Meeting. The earliest I can give you 15 minutes is August 24 at 7:25. Please let me know of your availability. Also be sure to send me materials for inclusion in that Board Mail Packet by August 19th. Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Yarin [mailto:JimYarin@verizon.net]
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2009 11:31 AM
To: Board of Selectmen
Cc: Transportation Advisory Committee
Subject: BOS Meeting Appearance by TAC -- TIME SENSITIVE

To: Acton Board of Selectmen
From: Transportation Advisory Committee
Date: July 24, 2009

RE: TAC appearance at Board of Selectmen meeting

TAC requests 15 minutes on the agenda of the soonest available Board meeting to discuss time-sensitive transportation issues. If it is possible to appear at the July 27 meeting, TAC would prefer this. If not, at the next available meeting.

TAC requests that the BOS consider the following items:

1. Re-balancing of meter/permit spaces at the main parking lot.

At our July 23, 2009 TAC meeting, one member indicated a large increase this summer in parking lot use by train commuters -- as compared to last summer. The fear is that come **September**, the (non-summer) unavailability of spaces will be much worse than last year. Also observed is that W. Concord's current use is very low. Finally, it should be noted that all meters will need to be removed for the new parking meter project anyway, but rebalancing now will give relief to in-town residents who are unable to get parking spaces for the train.

2. Updating of parking meters at the South Acton Train Station.

Better parking management at the South Acton train station is a necessity. This was identified in the Town's plan for increased in-town transportation (Feb, 2008), in our (approved) grant application for a shuttle program, and recommended by several transportation professionals, including the transportation consultant hired by the town. An integral part of that program is the installation of new parking meters at the train station lot and elsewhere, as determined. TAC would like to see the Town move ahead swiftly in this area.

3. Consideration of a Jones Field style reserve parking program at the main lot.

This was brought up some time ago to the Board at a Selectmen, but TAC is not aware of any action taken on the proposal by Town management or the Board of Selectmen.

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TAC would also like to update the Board on the status of the Shuttle Grant program and answer questions and address any concerns of the the Board.

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From: Jim Yarin [JimYarin@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2009 8:07 AM
To: Terra Friedrichs
Cc: Board of Selectmen
Subject: Re: BOS Meeting Appearance by TAC -- TIME SENSITIVE

Tuesday, 7/28/09, 7:52 a.m.

Main lot, no sticker spaces, 8 meter spaces are open. Went to Exchange Hall lot -- no open spaces. In order catch train, needed to return to main lot and take a meter. Total miles expended searching for a space: about 1 mile (up and down aisles in main lot, in and out of Exchange Hall lot, return to main lot). Total cost: \$2.50 plus gas.

Jim Yarin

----- Original Message -----

From: "Jim Yarin" <JimYarin@verizon.net>
To: "Terra Friedrichs" <terra@citizenactionteam.org>
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2009 12:20 PM
Subject: Re: BOS Meeting Appearance by TAC -- TIME SENSITIVE

> 20 is a fair guess, and by rebalancing, yes, I mean more spaces for
> permit
> holders.
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> The engineering dept, I believe, have made counts at the parking lots
> in
> the past in order to do rebalancing but of course now it is summer, so
> they really can't do that accurately because of the lower number of
> commuters in the summer. The problem is complicated by the firestation
> lot, which at the end of last year was just starting to get filled to
> capacity -- that is for in-town parkers only. Further complication is that
> in-town sticker holders sometimes opt to park at a meter in the main lot.
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> I have done a seven-year empirical study of how many spaces are needed
> by
> sticker holders.
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> Jim
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> I hope that answers your questions
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "Terra Friedrichs" <terra@citizenactionteam.org>
> To: "Jim Yarin" <JimYarin@verizon.net>
> Sent: Friday, July 24, 2009 12:07 PM
> Subject: Re: BOS Meeting Appearance by TAC -- TIME SENSITIVE
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> Jim,
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> Will the "rebalancing" being proposed include more spaces designated
> "Acton-Only"? It's my understanding that we have the legal ability to
> designate more to Acton. And I'm wondering if increasing the number
> by 20 (or more) spaces may take care of a large part of "the parking
> issue" for in-Town parkers. We have not done a study as to how many
> spaces in-Town parkers actually need/want. It may be that 20 could
> take care of it.
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> Terra